(ग) और (घ) सरकार द्वारा बाजार में नई फसल की आवक से पहले ऐसी कोई घोषणा नहीं की गयी थीं ।

Exchange of Radio frequency between France and India

*314. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received in 1986 or 1987 a French proposal for an agreement for exchange of Radio frequencies between Monisinery (French Guyana) and Aligarh, which would have enabled All India Radio to broadcast to Indian community in Florida and California in U.S.A.; if so, the reasons for not agreeing to the proposal; and

(b) whether Government ate aware that China had signed an agreement with France so that Beijing uses French transmitters to broadcast to U.S.A. and Radio France International relays from Beijing French broadcasts to India; if so, the details of arrangements being made for AIR broadcasts to U.S.A.?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) A proposal for providing time to the French Radio on All India Radio's Shortwave transmitters for their South-East Asian service, in exchange, for Radio France giving air-time on their Shortwave transmitters located in French Guyana, for a service which AIR might beam to the Americans was considered in 1986-87, but, the same could not be agreed to as AIR was not in a position to provide a 4-Hour slot which Radio France wanted.

Radio France International (RFI) and Radio Beijing formalised an agreement by exchange of letters on November 10. 1988. The agreement provides for exchange of transmission time and facilities for six hours daily between these two organisations. The broadcasting from the respective facilities commenced on November 10. The agreement is for a period of three years, automatically renewable unless either side gives advance notification for termination. We are informed that the agreement contains a clause which forbids the transmission of material that is adverse to either country.

Government has no immediate plan for introducing a service to the U.S.A. However, AIR is sending canned programmes to the ethnic stations and some broadcasting organisations of the USA and Canada, especially for the benefit of Indian community there.

Migration oft Indian workers to Gulf Countries

*315. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual migration of workers from India to the Gulf Countries had substantially increased during the last three years; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and \b) The emigration clearance for Gulf Countries was granted to 1.56 lakhs workers during T985, 1.07 lakhs in 1986 and 1.20 lakhs in 1987 respectively. Due to recession, there was about 32 per cent decrease in emigration clearance during 1986 as compared to the year 1985. However, there was an increase of 12 per cent during the year 1987 as compared to the year 1986.

Impact of the Delhi Rent Control (Amendment) Act

♦316. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the impact on House Tax revenue to the MCD and the property tax revenue to Government in